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Mrs. Olga Welch  
Public Relations Officer  
State Department of Social Security  
and Welfare  
39 North Sixth Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona

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**ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Dear Mrs. Welch:

We have your request for supplemental information concerning the circulation of petitions by employees of the State Board of Social Security and Welfare.

You asked specifically whether there is any Arizona Law prohibiting employees of the State Department of Social Security and Welfare from circulating or signing such petitions and that you would like a clarification of our opinion of April 20, 1948.

There is no general law of Arizona prohibiting any State employee engaging in any political activity.

There are certain departments whose employees are prohibited from engaging in such activities, such as the Game Department, the Highway Department and the Industrial Commission, but these are governed by special laws applicable only to the department specified.

In clarifying our opinion of April 20, 1948, we wish to state that in addition to indulging in the assumption that the Merit System Manual was binding upon the employees of your department, we should also have added that any interpretation of the effect of the Manual would have to be made by the Merit System Council or the Social Security Administration and that any opinion of this office regarding this matter would not be binding upon the employees working under this system.

Trusting this answers your inquiry, we are

Very truly yours,

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